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SUBJECT: AFRICAN-EUROPEAN LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 093107, (B) STATE 089844

1. THE AFRICAN-EUROPEAN LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD IN TUNIS, MAY 3 THROUGH 7. THE CONFERENCE IS A JOINT UNDERTAKING OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LABOR. APPROXIMATELY 65 PARTICIPANTS FROM AFRICA, EUROPE AND WASHINGTON WILL TAKE PART. THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE REGIONAL AND JOINT AFRICAN-EUROPEAN SESSIONS ON A NUMBER OF FOREIGN POLICY AND DOMESTIC QUESTIONS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO LABOR OFFICERS, THE EMBASSIES AND WASHINGTON. THE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE TUNIS HILTON HOTEL.

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DURING THE OPENING SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 3, INFORMAL

PRESENTATIONS ON US FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD AFRICA AND EUROPE, FOLLOWED BY SHORT DISCUSSION PERIODS, ARE SCHEDULED (REF A). IT IS PLANNED THAT SENIOR AF AND EUR OFFICIALS FROM WASHINGTON OR THE FIELD WILL MAKE THESE INFORMAL TALKS AND LEAD THE DISCUSSIONS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

2. AS DAKAR IS THE LAST STOP OF THE BILATERAL PORTION OF THE SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP, THE ORGANIZERS OF THE CONFERENCE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF

YOU COULD MAKE THIS PRESENTATION AND LEAD THE DISCUSSION. ALTHOUGH TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3, THIS COULD BE MOVED BACK TO TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 OR 5 IF THE PRESENT SCHEDULE CREATES TIMING PROBLEMS FOR YOU. YOU WOULD, OF COURSE, BE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN OR OBSERVE ANY OF THE OTHER AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO YOU.

3. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOUR OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL PLANS WOULD PERMIT YOU TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN TUNIS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSION ON US FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD AFRICA. THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF YOUR HEAVY SCHEDULE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE TUNIS CONFERENCE AND WOULD FULLY UNDERSTAND IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING. IF ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, A SEPARATE STATE/LABOR MESSAGE INVITING YOU TO THE CONFERENCE AND CONTAINING APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL DATA WILL BE SENT. ROBINSON

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